

[HOUSE BILL No. 320.]

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JAN. 3, 1865.—Read first and second times; special order after last special order, and from day to day; to be printed.

[By Mr. MILES, Military Committee.]

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To change the mode of filling Vacancies among Commissioned Officers of Companies, Battalions and Regiments.

1 SECTION 1. The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That whenever a vacancy shall occur in the lowest grade of commissioned officer in any company in the army, the Captain of the company shall nominate the person to fill the same, who, if approved by the Colonel of the regiment to which the company belongs, and by the General commanding the separate army or department in which the regiment is serving, shall be forthwith assigned by the General to the vacant position, subject to the subsequent appointment by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

1 SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That whenever any vacancy above the lowest grade of commissioned officer, shall occur in a company, the Lieutenant Colonel, Colonel or other commanding officer of the battalion or regiment, shall nominate the person to fill the same, who, if approved by the commander of the bri-

6 gade to which the battalion or regiment belongs, and by the
7 General commanding the separate army or department in which
8 the brigade is serving, shall be forthwith assigned by the General
9 to the vacant position, subject to the subsequent appointment
10 by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the
11 Senate.

1 SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, That whenever any vacancy
2 shall occur in the field officers of a battalion or regiment, the
3 brigade commander shall nominate the person to fill the vacan-
4 cy, who, if approved by the division commander, and by the
5 General commanding the separate army or department in which
6 the brigade is serving, shall be forthwith assigned by the General
7 to the vacant position, subject to the subsequent appointment
8 of the Presideat, by and with the advice and consent of the
9 Senate.

1 SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, That no person shall be nomi-
2 nated, assigned or appointed under the provisions of this act, to
3 any commissioned office in a company, battalion or regiment,
4 who does not belong to the battalion or regiment.

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